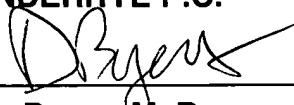


**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based, to add an Abstract of the Disclosure and to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: 

---

**Duane M. Byers**

Reg. No. 33,363

**DMB:lm**

901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22203-1808  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100